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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed October 14, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner disregard the previous amendment filed in response to the Final Rejection and, in its place, enter the present amendment as the response to the Final Rejection mailed August 12, 2003. The present amendment does not include the recitation in claims 35, 40, 41 and 42 that the hoses are "fuel transport" hoses or "fuel filler" hoses as objected to by the Examiner as requiring further consideration and/or search. Claim 35 has been amended to include subject matter already present in other independent claims and, therefore, would not require further consideration and/or search. Any other amendments are considered editorial in nature and would not require additional work on the part of the Office. These amendments were not submitted earlier because such amendments are not considered to be critical to the patentability of the amended claims. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Amendments to the specification - No amendments are made to the specification.

Amendments to the claims - Amendments to claim 35, 40, and 41 are shown in the <u>LISTING OF THE CLAIMS</u> which begin on page 4.